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Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application

Listing of Claims

1. (Previously Presented) A lighting apparatus for receiving an elongated light source, comprising:

an elongated body having a cavity for receiving the elongated light source, the cavity being at least partially defined by a first material that is at least partially transparent and extends from the cavity to an outer surface of the elongated body and a second material that is substantially non-transparent, the elongated body having one or more legs that are adapted to extend at and secure the elongated body to a substrate; and

wherein the elongated body includes a removable portion that includes the cavity, the removable portion being adapted to be selectively removable from the remainder of the elongated body to provide access to the cavity.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) A lighting apparatus according to claim 12 wherein the first material and the second material are integrally formed.

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4. (Previously Presented) A lighting apparatus according to claim 12 wherein the first material and the second material are formed separately and subsequently secured together.

5. (Previously Presented) A lighting apparatus according to claim 12 wherein selected legs include a tooth that extends laterally away from the leg.

6. (Previously Presented) A lighting apparatus according to claim 12 wherein the elongated body includes two or more legs each having a tooth that extends laterally away from the leg, each tooth being adapted to engage a back side of the substrate after the two or more legs are inserted through a hole in the substrate.

7. (Previously Presented) A lighting apparatus according to claim 12 wherein the one or more legs extend continuously along the length of the elongated body.

8. (Previously Presented) A lighting apparatus according to claim 12 wherein the one or more legs are spaced along the length of the elongated body.

9. (Previously Presented) A lighting apparatus according to claim 23 wherein the elongated light source is an electro-luminescent wire.

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10. (Previously Presented) A lighting apparatus according to claim 23 wherein the elongated light source is a linear emitting fiber.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) A lighting apparatus for receiving an elongated light source, comprising:

an elongated body having a first surface and one or more other surfaces, the elongated body further having a cavity for receiving the elongated light source, wherein the cavity is at least partially defined by a material that is at least partially transparent which extends from the cavity to the first surface of the elongated body and a second material that is substantially non-transparent; and

one or more legs that extend out from one or more of the other surfaces of the elongated body, the one or more legs adapted to aid in securing the elongated body to a substrate; and

wherein the elongated body includes a removable portion that includes the cavity, the removable portion being adapted to be selectively removable from the remainder of the elongated body.

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13. (Previously Presented) A lighting apparatus according to claim 12 wherein the one or more legs extend out into the substrate to help secure the elongated member to the substrate.

14. (Original) A lighting apparatus according to claim 12 wherein the elongated body is made from a material having elastomeric properties.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously Presented) A lighting apparatus according to claim 12 wherein the removable portion includes a different material than the remainder of the elongated body.

17. (Previously Presented) A lighting apparatus according to claim 12 wherein the removable portion includes a material that has different elastomeric properties than the remainder of the elongated body.

18-20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously Presented) A lighting apparatus according to claim 27 wherein the elongated light source is an electro-luminescent wire.

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22. (Previously Presented) A lighting apparatus according to claim 27, wherein the elongated light source is a linear emitting fiber.

23. (Previously Presented) A lighting apparatus for receiving an elongated light source, comprising:

an elongated body having a cavity for receiving the elongated light source, the cavity being at least partially defined by a first material that is at least partially transparent and extends from the cavity to an outer surface of the elongated body, the elongated body further including a non-transparent material that extends between the cavity and an outer surface of the elongated body; and

wherein the elongated body includes a removable portion that includes the cavity and is adapted to be selectively removable from the remainder of the elongated body to provide access to the elongated light source.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously Presented) A lighting apparatus according to claim 27 wherein the elongated body includes a second material that is substantially non-transparent.

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26. (Canceled)

27. (Previously Presented) A lighting apparatus for receiving an elongated light source, comprising:

an elongated body having a first surface and one or more other surfaces, the elongated body further having a cavity for receiving the elongated light source, wherein the cavity is at least partially defined by a material that is at least partially transparent which extends from the cavity to the first surface of the elongated body, the elongated body including a removable portion that includes the cavity, the removable portion being adapted to be selectively removable from the remainder of the elongated body to provide access to the elongated light source.

28. (Previously Presented) A lighting apparatus according to claim 27 wherein the elongated light source is an electro-luminescent wire.

29. (Previously Presented) A lighting apparatus according to claim 27 wherein the elongated light source is a linear emitting fiber.

30. (Previously Presented) A lighting apparatus for receiving an elongated light source, comprising:

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an elongated body having a cavity for receiving the elongated light source, the elongated body including a removable portion that includes the cavity, the removable portion being adapted to be selectively removable from the remainder of the elongated body to provide access to the elongated light source.

31. (Previously Presented) A lighting apparatus according to claim 30 wherein the cavity is at least partially defined by a material that is at least partially transparent,

32. (Previously Presented) A lighting apparatus according to claim 31 wherein the elongated body includes:

a carrier having a first support leg and a spaced second support leg both extending from a back support to define a slot therebetween; and

wherein the removable portion is adapted to be inserted into the slot.

33. (Previously Presented) A lighting apparatus according to claim 32 wherein the removable portion is adapted to provide a bumper or rub-rail function.

34. (Previously Presented) A lighting apparatus according to claim 12 wherein the removable portion is adapted to provide a bumper or rub-rail function.

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35. (Previously Presented) A lighting apparatus according to claim 23 wherein the removable portion is adapted to provide a bumper or rub-rail function.

36. (Previously Presented) A lighting apparatus according to claim 27 wherein the removable portion is adapted to provide a bumper or rub-rail function.

37. (Previously Presented) A lighting apparatus for receiving an elongated light source, comprising:

an elongated body having a first surface and one or more other surfaces, the elongated body further having a cavity for receiving the elongated light source, wherein the cavity is at least partially defined by a material that is at least partially transparent which extends from the cavity to the first surface of the elongated body, the elongated body including a removable portion that defines at least part of the cavity, the removable portion being adapted to be selectively removable from the remainder of the elongated body to provide access to the elongated light source.